

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] Dispense assembly 600 includes a plurality of pipettor elements, each having a tubular barrel 602 with an inner bore [[604]] and a cylindrical piston 606 sized to fit snugly but slidably within the inner bore.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] The pistons generally comprise any component configured to fit within the aperture of a corresponding barrel to draw or dispense fluid, including air-displacement and positive-displacement pistons. Pistons 606 may have a variable exterior dimension, with a notched upper end 627 configured to receive a corresponding piston O-ring 628 and locking E-ring 630, a substantially cylindrical midsection 632, and a narrowed lower end 634. The pistons may be mounted for support through corresponding apertures 636 in a piston support plate 638, with the notched upper 627 end of each piston and the corresponding O-ring and E-ring sandwiched between the piston support plate and a piston retainer plate 640 that is positioned above the piston support plate. The piston retainer plate and piston support plate may be joined together using suitable fastening means, such as screws 642, which again facilitate repair.